Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

repeatedly receiving request messages at a testing application running on a server or servlet engine, said repeatedly receiving occurring during execution of a testing scenario, each of said request messages identifying the same set of software components that are: a) servable and/or invokable by said server or servlet engine; b) associated with the same said testing scenario; and, c) used by a same business logic process within an IS infrastructure; and,

said testing application, in response to each of said request messages in executing said testing scenario, performing the following:

testing each of said one or more software components for availability and preparing and sending onto a network a response message [that indicates] to report availability or unavailability for each of said one or more software components to an entity that sent said response message's corresponding request message, wherein, at least one of said software components requires a login procedure for its availability test and each of said request messages include a userid for said login procedure.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of said software components further comprises a web page and said testing for availability of said web page further comprises attempting to fetch said web page.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein said web page's URL is identified in each of said request messages.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising creating a request object from the content of said request message with a request message class.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising creating a scenario object from said request object with a scenario object class.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 further comprising creating a response message object with a response message class.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said response message is an .XML document.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein each of said request messages is an .XML document.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said testing of each of said one or more software components is performed by a servlet.

11. (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium containing instructions which when executed by a machine cause said machine to perform a method, said method comprising:

repeatedly receiving request messages at a testing application running on a server or servlet engine, said repeatedly receiving occurring during execution of a testing scenario, each of said request messages identifying the same set of software components that are: a) servable and/or invokable by said server or servlet engine; b) associated with the same said testing scenario; and, c) used by a same business logic process within an IS infrastructure; and,

said testing application, in response to each of said request messages in executing said testing scenario, performing the following:

testing each of said one or more software components for availability and preparing and sending onto a network a response message [that indicates] to report availability or unavailability for each of said one or more software components to an entity that sent said response message's corresponding request message, wherein, at least one of said software components requires a login procedure for its availability test and each of said request messages include a userid for said login procedure.

12. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 11 wherein at least one of said software components further comprises a web page and said testing for availability of said web page further comprises attempting to fetch said web page.

13. (Previously presented) The machine readable medium of claim 12 wherein said web page's URL is identified in each of said request messages.

14. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 11 wherein said method further comprises creating a request object from the content of said request message with a request message class.

15. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 14 wherein said method further comprises creating a scenario object from said request object with a scenario object class.

16. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 15 wherein said method further comprises creating a response message object with a response message class.

17. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 11 wherein said response message is an .XML document.

18. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 17 wherein each of said request messages is an .XML document.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 11 wherein said testing of each of said one or more software components is performed by a servlet.

21.   (Currently Amended) A computing system implemented with a machine readable medium containing instructions that when executed by one or more processors cause a method to be performed, said method comprising:

repeatedly receiving request messages at a testing application running on a server or servlet engine, said repeatedly receiving occurring during execution of a testing scenario, each of said request messages identifying the same set of software components that are: a) servable and/or invokable by said server or servlet engine; b) associated with the same said testing scenario; and, c) used by a same business logic process within an IS infrastructure; and,

said testing application, in response to each of said request messages in executing said testing scenario, performing the following:

testing each of said one or more software components for availability and preparing and sending onto a network a response message [that indicates] to report availability or unavailability for each of said one or more software components to an entity that sent said response message's corresponding request message, wherein, at least one of said software components requires a login procedure for its availability test and each of said request messages include a userid for said login procedure.

22. (Original) The computing system of claim 21 wherein at least one of said software components further comprises a web page and said testing for availability of said web page further comprises attempting to fetch said web page.

23. (Previously presented) The computing system of claim 22 wherein said web page's URL is identified in each of said request messages.

24. (Original) The computing system of claim 21 wherein said method further comprises creating a request object from the content of said request message with a request message class.

25. (Original) The computing system of claim 24 wherein said method further comprises creating a scenario object from said request object with a scenario object class.

26. (Original) The computing system of claim 25 wherein said method further comprises creating a response message object with a response message class.

27. (Original) The computing system of claim 21 wherein said response message is an .XML document.

28. (Original) The computing system of claim 27 wherein each of said request messages is an .XML document.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The computing system of claim 21 wherein said testing of each of said one or more software components is performed by a servlet.